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Ribbon Cutting Scheduled for Bogard Safety Roadside Rest Area

REDDING – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, November 2, 2006 beginning at 10 a.m. at the Bogard Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) on State Route 44 in Lassen County. The SRRA is located approximately 37 miles east of Old Station and 28 miles west of Susanville within the Lassen National Forest and along the Volcanic Scenic Byway.

The SRRA, which serves both directions of travel, received a \$3.03 million makeover during this past construction season. Improvements included the construction of a new rest area, removal of the old rest area, built in 1965 and restoration of the land to natural conditions. The entrance to the SRRA was relocated to increase site distance for motorists and enhance safety. Work on the project included:

- Clearing and grading
- Construction of new access road and parking area
- Construction of a new comfort station
- On site drainage improvements
- New walkways and site lighting
- Increase in available car and truck parking
- Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades including improved curb ramps, graded paths for ease of wheelchair use and accessible restrooms and site amenities.
- Area security system.

The new building site is larger and offers improved vehicle access along with a forested natural setting. The facility is oriented to partner with Lassen National Forest's future Trail Head facility, planned west of the new rest area. The new comfort station orientation also allows maximum exposure to the sun during the very cold winter months. The new comfort station is set up to remain open during cleaning operations and features hot and cold running water. The building also includes a staging office for use by emergency services personnel if needed.

Officials from Caltrans, the Lassen National Forest and other local agencies will be in attendance at the event. For more information please contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at 530-225-3260.

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